# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023 at 02:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for rain and quite extensive hill fog for Wednesday which makes way for a wintry spell later Thursday and early Friday, which passes eastwards from the weekend as the westerly returns.

**Headline for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023:** Storm force winds, low cloud and rain.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Nov 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
High Likelihood

**Gales**
High Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Medium Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
High Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
Medium Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Heavy Rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Heavy Rain |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| >95% | >95% | 70% | >95% | 80% | >95% |

**Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023**

**Weather:** Generally dull and damp with storm force winds across the munro tops. A couple of hours of drier conditions are likely in the far north around Ben Hope around midday. Rain turns heavier late evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** Generally nil. 30% across Easter Ross.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Very poor visibility. Cloud generally extensive above 500m, often to lower slopes. However, cloud bases nearer 700m across Easter Ross, and perhaps around Ben Hope for a time middle of the day.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 22 Nov 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 51/60 W | 45/56 W | 44/56 W | 52/65 W | 53/67 W | 51/66 W | 51/66 W |
| **900** | 48/57 W | 43/54 W | 42/53 W | 49/62 W | 50/64 W | 49/63 W | 48/64 W |
| **600** | 34/42 W | 30/41 W | 30/41 W | 35/48 W | 36/49 W | 35/49 W | 34/49 W |
| **300** | 8/42 W | 10/41 W | 10/40 W | 11/48 W | 12/49 W | 13/49 W | 13/50 W |
| **Glen** | 18/37 W | 18/36 W | 16/34 W | 21/42 W | 21/43 W | 22/44 W | 20/41 W |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 6/-2 | 6/-1 | 6/-1 | 5/-3 | 5/-3 | 5/-2 | 5/-3 |
| **900** | 6/-0 | 6/-0 | 6/-0 | 6/-2 | 6/-2 | 6/-1 | 6/-2 |
| **600** | 8/3 | 8/3 | 8/3 | 8/2 | 8/2 | 8/2 | 8/2 |
| **300** | 9/8 | 9/7 | 9/7 | 10/7 | 10/7 | 10/7 | 10/7 |
| **Glen** | 11/8 | 11/8 | 11/8 | 12/8 | 12/8 | 12/8 | 12/8 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2400m | 2100m | 2000m | 1900m | 1900m | 1900m | 1800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Winds often likely to be 10-15 mph stronger than in the table across the higher munro tops. Conditions dangerous at height with storm force winds, extensive hill fog and heavy rain.

**Forecast for Thursday 23 Nov 2023**
**Weather:** Band of cloud and rain turning to snow across highest peaks, before clearing to a mix of showers and brighter spells by dawn. Showers building through the day, always focused across northern ranges, with snow level 900m early morning lowering 600m from afternoon, then reaching the lowest levels late evening.

**Maximum wind:** West to northwest initially mean 50mph gust 70mph, slowly easing through the day.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** By day 60% in north 80-90% in south

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases lowering 450m at times, mainly in the showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising plus 8 Celsius during the afternoon
**At 800m:** Plus 2 Celsius lowering minus 3 Celsius
**Freezing level:** Above summits lowering 400m

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